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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Governor's Travel Control Board has
3 negotiated a State rate for travel on Amtrak by State officials
4 and employees between Chicago and Springfield,
5 Bloomington-Normal, Carbondale, Champaign-Urbana, and Macomb;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Governor's Travel Control Board has extended
8 this State rate for travel on Amtrak to public university
9 employees as well; and

10 WHEREAS, This State rate has over the years saved taxpayer
11 money and benefited the development of a vibrant passenger rail
12 network throughout Illinois by encouraging the use of trains by
13 those traveling on State and university business; and

14 WHEREAS, There are tens of thousands of students at public
15 universities who are grappling with the cost of higher
16 education who regularly travel on corridors served by Amtrak;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands of students work at our public
19 universities in order to pay for tuition; and

20 WHEREAS, A negotiated rate for student employees of State

1 universities for Amtrak travel would encourage more use of
2 Amtrak and help to make higher education more affordable;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 strongly urge the Governor's Travel Control Board to negotiate
7 with Amtrak for the implementation of a special travel rate for
8 part-time student employees of State universities between
9 Chicago and the cities of Bloomington-Normal, Carbondale,
10 Mattoon, Champaign-Urbana, and Macomb; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the Governor and the Governor's Travel Control Board.